

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended): A chemical and biological warfare agent decontaminating solution, consisting essentially of:

a decontaminating composition consisting essentially of:

a surfactant composition;

a peroxygen compound; and,

an effective amount of bleach activator for decontamination of a chemical and biological warfare agent, wherein the peroxygen compound and bleach activator are mixed in the surfactant composition in a molar ratio of from about 1.5:1 to about 4:1 prior to contacting a warfare agent.

15. (Original): The decontaminating solution of claim 14, wherein the surfactant composition comprises a microemulsion.

16. (Previously Presented): A kit comprising the chemical and biological warfare agent decontaminating solution of claim 14.

17-18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently Amended): The decontaminating solution ~~in-situ generated peroxycarboxylic acid composition~~ of claim 14 ~~18~~, comprising a peroxygen compound of hydrogen peroxide, a bleach activator of nonanoyloxybenzene sulfonate (NOBS), and a microemulsion of didecyl methylamine oxide, decyl dimethylamine oxide, decane, water and sodium carbonate.
20. (Currently Amended): The decontamination solution ~~in-situ generated peroxycarboxylic acid composition~~ of claim 14 ~~18~~, further comprising a buffer.
21. (Currently Amended): A chemical and biological warfare agent decontaminating solution, consisting essentially of
a decontaminating composition consisting essentially of:
a surfactant composition;
a peroxygen compound;
an effective amount of bleach activator for decontamination of a chemical and biological warfare agent, wherein the peroxygen compound and bleach activator are mixed in the surfactant composition prior to contacting a warfare agent;
water;
a buffer; and,
optionally, a hydrocarbon component.